Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Cadre	Authorised cadre strength	Officers in position
1	Andhra Pradesh	129	112
2	Assam-Meghalaya	107	67
3	Bihar	152	127
4	Gujarat	96	76
5	Haryana	39	36
6	Himachal Pradesh	111	101
7	Jammu & Kashmir	62	48
8	Karnataka	129	108
9	Kerala	86	66
10	Madhya Pradesh	389	315
11	Maharashtra	176	135
12	Manipur-Tripura	61	48
13	Nagaland	26	18
14	Orissa	125	97
15	Punjab	35	31
16	Rajasthan	99	69
17	Sikkim	35	23
18	Tamil Nadu	111	105
19	*Union Territories	110	70
20	Uttar Pradesh	194	181
21	West Bengal	91	80
	TOTAL	2363	1913

*The States of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Dadra and Nagar Haveli participate in the Union Territories Cadre at present.

Committee on drug trafficking

*236. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-powered committee was set up by Government to go into the question of drug trafficking in the country;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the findings of the Committee and what action has been taken/is proposed to be taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) A Cabinet Sub-Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Home Minister, has been constituted to

review and suggest various measures for combating drug trafficking and for preventing drug abuse. The Committee consists, besides the Ministers of Home Affairs, the following Ministers:

1. Minister of State in the Ministry of Welfare.

2. Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Revenue).

3. Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

4. Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

5. Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

A comprehensive action plan has been recommended by the Sub-Committee for necessary implementation.

Raid on tyre manufacturers

*237. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nation wide raids on tyre manufacturers were recently conducted by the Income-tax, Customs and Central Excise Department;

(b) whether the raids yielded any fruitful results; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is a large scale tax evasion by the tyre manufacturers as alleged by the All India Tyre Dealers' Association?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) On 17th March, 1988 searches were conducted by the Income Tax, Customs and Central Excise authorities on a number of premises belonging to the R. P. Goenka Group of Companies which include two tyre manufacturing companies.

(b) The searches in the case of R. P. Goenka Group resulted in seizure of *prima-facie* unaccounted assets worth approximately Rs. 571.19 lakhs besides several incriminating documents.

(c) Amount of evasion cannot be quantified till the investigation is completed.

Flood and drought relief

*238. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, Government have devised any scheme to integrate flood and drought relief in a general transfer of resources from the Centre to the States to meet the grave situation that recently arisen in the States due to acute drought conditions;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) Central assistance to States for calamity relief expenditure is based on the recommendations of the Eighth Finance Commission. The Eighth Finance Commission provided for margin money to the tune of Rs. 240.75 crores in the forecasts of State Budgets, 50 per cent of which would be met by the Central Government in the form of grant. Ceilings of expenditure for calamity relief are determined on the recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief, generally after the visit of a Central team to the State for assessing relief requirements. The excess of the ceiling over the margin money is treated as advance Plan assistance in the case of drought, adjustable within 5 years of the end of the drought up to 5 per cent of a State's Annual Plan outlay. Beyond this level, Central assistance for drought relief is fully met by the Central Government—50 per cent as grant and 50 per cent as loan. In the case of flood, 75 per cent of the excess of the ceiling over the margin money is given to the State as Non-Plan grant by the Central Government. Ceilings of assistance for calamity relief are determined after taking into account availability of resources under normal Plan schemes in the sectors concerned as well as normal provisions for maintenance of the assets which have been affected by the calamity.